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CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

OFFICIALS

Mayor

Tommy Fortenberry

CITY COUNCIL

Councilman
Councilman
Councilman
Councilman
Councilman
Councilman

Donald Nash
Johnny Jones
Hurley Ray Guillotte
Gordon Gollott
Scott Macfarland
Adam Colledge

DEPARTMENT HEADS

City Attorney
City Manager
City Clerk

Robert Ramsay
Sidney Runnels
Linda Green (through
June, 2009)
Adrienne Howell
(Appointed July 7,
2009)
Edward E. Williams

Police Chief

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Gautier, Mississippi

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Gautier, Mississippi's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

Because of the inadequacy of accounting records for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009, I was unable to form an opinion regarding the amounts at which property and equipment and accumulated depreciation are recorded in the accompanying balance sheet at September 30, 2009 (stated at \$53,304,207 and \$18,804,659, respectively), or the amount of depreciation expense for the year then ended (stated at \$761,057).

In my opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had prior year records concerning property and equipment and related accumulated depreciation been adequate, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2009, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Independent Auditors' Report
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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated April 30, 2011, on my consideration of the City of Gautier, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 7 through 14 and pages 53 through 57, respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Gautier, Mississippi's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the City of Gautier, Mississippi. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements of the City of Gautier, Mississippi. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The remaining supplementary information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on them.



Gautier, Mississippi
April 30, 2011

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

The discussion and analysis of the City of Gautier, Mississippi's (the City's) financial performance provides an overall narrative review of the City's financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2009. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the City's financial performance. Information contained in this section is qualified by the more detailed information contained elsewhere in the City's financial statements, notes to financial statements and any accompanying materials. To the extent this discussion contains any forward-looking statements of the City's plans, objectives, expectations and prospects, the actual results could differ materially from those discussed herein.

The City implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 - Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments issued June 1999, for the first time during fiscal year 2004. As discussed in Footnote 1, Statement No. 34 allows for certain transition treatments in regards to infrastructure. As of fiscal year-end September 30, 2009, the City has not begun implementation for previously constructed infrastructure assets.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2009 and 2008, the City's net assets amounted to \$19,753,327 and \$18,686,840, respectively. The net assets for governmental activities totaled \$6,416,263 in 2009 and \$7,066,908 in 2008, contributing 32.48% and 37.82%, respectively, of total net assets; business-type activities contributed 67.52% and 62.18%, totaling \$ 13,307,064 in 2009 and \$11,619,932 in 2008.
- General revenues for 2009 and 2008 were \$7,694,064 and \$7,306,725, equaling 42.20% and 42.93% of all revenues, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions were \$ 10,537,360 and \$ 9,712,968, equaling 57.80% and 57.07% of total revenues.
- In 2009 and 2008, the City had \$16,671,045 and \$16,820,614 in expenses, respectively; of these expenses, \$10,537,360 and \$ 9,712,968 respectively, were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, totaled \$ 34,499,548 in 2009 and \$ 31,411,535 in 2008.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. The City's basic financial statements are comprised of the following three components: 1) government- wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

Government-wide financial statements - The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. These statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and include all assets and liabilities.

The statement of net assets presents information on all of the City's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the City's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal years.

The government-wide financial statements outline both functions of the City and business-type activities.

The governmental activities of the City include police and fire protection, parks, recreation, public works, urban and economic development, and general administrative services. The business-type activities include the water and sewer system and its related projects.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 17 and 18 of this report.

Fund financial statements - Fund financial statements tell how these services were financed in the short term, as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the City's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the City's most significant funds. The City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The fund financial statements are comprised of the following funds: governmental and proprietary (enterprise) funds.

Notes to the financial statements - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a user's understanding of the basic financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 31-51 of this report.

Other information - In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City's budget process.

The City adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A Budgetary Comparison Statement has been provided for the General Fund. This required supplementary information can be found on pages 53-57 of this report.

Reporting the City's Most Significant Funds

Fund financial statements begin on page 21 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds. Some funds are required to be established by State law. However, the City Council establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money. The City's two major types of funds are discussed below:

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Governmental funds - Most of the City's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of these funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in the reconciliation's found on pages 22 and 24.

Proprietary funds - When the City charges customers for the services it provides, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same manner that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. Proprietary funds include the Water and Sewer and Sewer Expansion funds. Other nonmajor proprietary funds include the Solid Waste and Sewer Rehab funds which are combined into a single column on the proprietary fund financial statements. These funds are the same as the business-type activities reported in the government-wide financial statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. The accrual basis of accounting is used for proprietary funds.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net assets - Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following table presents a summary of the City's net assets for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008.

Net Assets

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 3,938,444	4,929,235	4,314,518	5,876,784	8,252,962	10,806,019
Capital assets	<u>5,391,524</u>	<u>5,768,553</u>	<u>28,808,024</u>	<u>25,642,982</u>	<u>34,499,548</u>	<u>31,411,535</u>
Total assets	<u>9,629,968</u>	<u>10,697,788</u>	<u>33,122,542</u>	<u>31,519,766</u>	<u>42,752,510</u>	<u>42,217,554</u>
Long-term debt outstanding	3,025,514	2,996,309	17,769,198	17,689,781	20,794,712	20,686,090
Other liabilities	<u>188,190</u>	<u>634,571</u>	<u>2,016,279</u>	<u>2,210,853</u>	<u>2,204,471</u>	<u>2,844,624</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 3,213,704</u>	<u>3,630,880</u>	<u>19,785,477</u>	<u>19,899,834</u>	<u>22,999,183</u>	<u>23,530,714</u>
Net assets:						
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	\$ 2,635,429	2,965,231	6,459,096	6,830,667	9,094,525	9,795,898
Restricted	245,333	245,662	1,094,705	1,116,848	1,340,038	1,362,510
Unrestricted	<u>3,535,501</u>	<u>3,856,015</u>	<u>5,783,263</u>	<u>3,672,417</u>	<u>9,318,764</u>	<u>7,528,432</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 6,416,263</u>	<u>7,066,908</u>	<u>13,337,064</u>	<u>11,619,932</u>	<u>19,753,327</u>	<u>18,686,840</u>

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The City's restricted net assets (e.g. revenue source, sales tax, water, sewer and garbage revenue, CDBG, ad valorem tax) accounted for 6.78% of total net assets in 2009, and 7.29% in 2008. Investment in capital assets (e.g. land, construction in progress, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure) accounted for 46.04% of total net assets in 2009 and 52.42% in 2008, respectively. The remaining balance consisted of unrestricted net assets, the part of net assets used to finance everyday operations without constraints of legal requirements.

The following are significant transactions that have had an impact on the Statement of Net Assets.

- In 2004, the City implemented the new standards of GASB 34 which requires it to report and depreciate new and old infrastructure assets [e.g. roads, bridges, underground pipes (other than utilities), traffic signals, etc.]. The retroactive reporting of infrastructure was subject to an extended implementation period and was first effective for fiscal years ended in 2006. As of September 30, 2009, the City had not implemented retroactive reporting of infrastructure.

Changes in net assets - The City's total revenues for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 were \$18,231,424 and \$17,019,693, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$16,671,045 and \$16,820,614. The following table presents a summary of the changes in net assets for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008.

	Changes in Net Assets					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
Revenues						
Program Revenues						
Charges for services	\$ 905,379	939,917	7,328,028	6,992,562	8,233,407	7,932,479
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,127,935	275,639	-	-	1,127,935	275,639
Capital Grants And contributions	849,032	597,690	326,986	907,160	1,176,018	1,504,850
General Revenues						
Property Taxes	3,056,169	2,851,942	-	-	3,056,169	2,851,942
Franchise Taxes	181,824	174,453	-	-	181,824	174,453
Public Service Taxes	3,391,902	3,291,204	-	-	3,391,902	3,291,204
Other general revenues	513,036	242,128	551,133	746,998	1,064,169	989,126
Total revenues	<u>\$10,025,277</u>	<u>8,372,973</u>	<u>8,206,147</u>	<u>8,646,720</u>	<u>18,231,424</u>	<u>17,019,693</u>

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
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	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Program Expenses						
General Government	\$ 2,274,950	2,715,303	-	-	2,274,950	2,715,303
Public Safety	6,065,288	5,104,799	-	-	6,065,288	5,104,799
Public Works	1,138,276	987,428	-	-	1,138,276	987,428
Culture & Recreation	359,932	445,261	-	-	359,932	445,261
Capital Outlay	-	790,635	-	-	-	790,635
Debt Service-interest	105,357	97,999	-	-	105,357	97,999
Water and Sewer Fund	-	-	5,432,057	5,366,760	5,432,057	5,366,760
Solid waste	-	-	<u>1,295,185</u>	<u>1,312,429</u>	<u>1,295,185</u>	<u>1,312,429</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 9,943,803</u>	<u>10,141,425</u>	<u>6,727,242</u>	<u>6,679,189</u>	<u>16,671,045</u>	<u>16,820,614</u>
Increase in net assets	<u>\$ 81,474</u>	<u>(1,768,452)</u>	<u>1,478,905</u>	<u>1,967,531</u>	<u>1,560,379</u>	<u>199,079</u>

Governmental activities

The following table presents the cost of major City functional activities: general government, public safety, public works, culture and recreation, urban and economic development, capital outlay, and debt service-interest. The table also shows each function's net cost (total cost less charges for services generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the State and City's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>			
	<u>2009</u>		<u>2008</u>	
	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>
Program Expenses				
General Government	\$ 2,274,950	(497,834)	2,715,303	(1,827,604)
Public Safety	6,065,288	(5,327,074)	5,104,799	(4,318,034)
Public Works	1,138,276	(1,138,276)	987,428	(987,428)
Culture & Recreation	359,932	7,084	445,261	(306,399)
Capital Outlay	-	-	790,635	(790,635)
Debt Service-interest	<u>105,357</u>	<u>(105,357)</u>	<u>97,999</u>	<u>(97,999)</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 9,943,803</u>	<u>(7,061,457)</u>	<u>10,141,425</u>	<u>(8,328,179)</u>

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Business-type activities

The City's business-type activities generated a change in net assets of \$1,478,905 during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. This represents a decrease of approximately \$488,626 from the change during the previous year. The factors contributing to this decrease include:

- The Water and Sewer Fund had a increase in service charges of approximately \$328,000.
- The Water and Sewer Fund had a decrease in grant revenues of approximately \$581,000.
- The City retired had a decrease in other revenues of approximately \$200,000.

As noted earlier, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

As the City completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$3,105,289, compared to \$4,336,400 in the prior year. Activities within the general fund contributed to approximately 40.99% in 2009 and 39.68% of the fund balances, respectively. Other items that influenced the fund balances are as follows:

- The City received approximately \$2.8 million in sales tax revenues, which represents an increase of approximately 12% from the previous year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, adjustments made in the budget were minor. The changes were due to the following: 1) amendments were made shortly after the beginning of the year, 2) the Council made changes in the middle of the year to prevent shortages from the addition or extension of service contracts, or 3) the Council approved several increases in appropriations to prevent budget overruns and to recognize receipt of funds not expected.

With these adjustments, the actual expenditures were \$8,015,091 compared to \$8,271,150 in the budget. A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the City's actual financial activity for the General Fund is provided on pages 53-57 of this report as required supplementary information.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets - The City's total capital assets for 2009 and 2008 were \$34,499,548 and \$31,411,535, respectively. The City mainly invested in infrastructure improvements for the area. The following table presents a summary of the City's capital net assets for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008.

Capital Assets at Year End (Net of Depreciation)

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Land	\$ 743,862	743,862	1,188,570	386,596	1,932,432	1,130,458
Construction in progress	-	-	-	8,538,153		8,538,153
Buildings and improvements	1,004,533	1,004,533	1,865,884	1,874,581	2,870,417	2,879,114
Machinery and Equipment	3,643,368	3,718,230	528,013	660,279	4,171,381	4,378,509
Utility System	-	-	25,225,557	14,183,373	25,225,557	14,183,373
Infrastructure	<u>299,761</u>	<u>301,928</u>			<u>299,761</u>	<u>301,928</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,691,524</u>	<u>5,768,553</u>	<u>28,808,024</u>	<u>25,642,982</u>	<u>34,499,548</u>	<u>31,411,535</u>

This year's completed major projects included:

	<u>Completed Through September 30, 2009</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
Business-type activities:		
Allen Road Water and Sewer Expansion	\$ 451,377	-
Lift Station Upgrade	2,503,100	-
Water Improvements - Old Spanish Trail	2,527,999	-
Highway 90/57 Sewer System Expansion	4,049,560	-

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

Debt Administration At September 30, 2009, the City had \$22,208,904 in general obligation bonds and other long-term debt outstanding, of which \$1,441,124 is due within one year.

Outstanding Debt at Year-End

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
General Obligation Bonds (backed by the City)	\$ -	-	11,785,000	12,665,000	11,785,000	12,665,000
Revenue Bonds and Notes (backed by specific tax and fee revenues)	2,803,322	2,803,322	7,398,390	6,147,316	10,201,712	8,950,638
Compensated absences	256,525	223,364	36,862	35,750	293,387	259,114
Total	<u>\$ 3,059,847</u>	<u>3,026,686</u>	<u>19,220,252</u>	<u>18,848,066</u>	<u>22,280,099</u>	<u>21,874,752</u>

More detailed information about the City's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 3 to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

On August 29, 2005, the City was severely impacted by Hurricane Katrina. The City is in the continuing process of rebuilding, which will be the case for some years. The City has used federal grants, insurance reimbursements and loans to help with these rebuilding costs.

The City's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal-year 2009 budget, tax rates, and fees to be charged for business-type activities. The local economy is slowly recovering from the loss of several major industries and revenues lost due to Hurricane Katrina, but the prospects for new industries are improving.

CONTACTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If - you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Director of Finance's Office at 3330 Hwy 90, Gautier, Mississippi or wmclain@gautier-ms.gov.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

The basic financial statements include integrated sets of financial statements as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The sets of statements include:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements:
 - Governmental funds
 - Proprietary (enterprise) funds

In addition, the notes to the financial statements are included to provide information that is essential to a user's understanding of the basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
September 30, 2009

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,506,194	832,768	3,338,962
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	245,333	1,566,829	1,812,162
Receivables, net	540,722	1,736,780	2,277,502
Internal balances	646,195	(646,195)	-
Other assets	-	824,336	824,336
Capital assets:			
Land	743,862	1,188,570	1,932,432
Other capital assets, net of Depreciation	<u>4,947,662</u>	<u>27,619,454</u>	<u>32,567,116</u>
Total capital assets	<u>5,691,524</u>	<u>28,808,024</u>	<u>34,499,548</u>
Total assets	<u>9,629,968</u>	<u>33,122,542</u>	<u>42,752,510</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	101,630	20,793	122,423
Accrued Expenses & Interest Payable	52,228	76,827	129,054
Compensated absences, current	34,333	9,930	44,263
Customer deposits	-	467,606	467,606
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	-	1,441,124	1,441,124
Due in more than one year	<u>3,025,514</u>	<u>17,769,198</u>	<u>20,794,713</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,213,705</u>	<u>19,785,478</u>	<u>22,999,183</u>
NET ASSETS			
Investment in capital assets (net of related debt)	2,635,429	6,459,096	9,094,525
Restricted net assets:			
Debt service	245,333	614,429	859,762
Bond contingency fund	-	480,276	480,276
Unrestricted net assets	<u>3,535,501</u>	<u>5,783,263</u>	<u>9,318,764</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 6,416,263</u>	<u>13,337,064</u>	<u>19,753,327</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

	<u>Program Revenue</u>				<u>Net (expense) revenue and changes in net Assets</u>		
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Service</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Government Activities:							
General Government	\$ 2,274,950	198,793	729,291	849,032	(497,834)	-	(497,834)
Public Safety	6,065,288	706,586	31,628	-	(5,327,074)	-	(5,327,074)
Public Works	1,138,276	-	-	-	(1,138,276)	-	(1,138,276)
Culture and Recreation	359,932	-	367,016	-	7,084	-	7,084
Debt service – interest	<u>105,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(105,357)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(105,357)</u>
Total Government Activities	<u>\$ 9,943,803</u>	<u>905,379</u>	<u>1,127,935</u>	<u>849,032</u>	<u>(7,061,457)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,328,179)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Water & Sewer Fund	5,432,057	5,733,838	-	326,986	-	628,767	628,767
Solid Waste	<u>1,295,185</u>	<u>1,594,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>299,005</u>	<u>299,005</u>
Total Business-type Activities	<u>6,727,242</u>	<u>7,328,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>326,986</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>927,772</u>	<u>927,772</u>
Total Primary	<u>\$16,671,045</u>	<u>8,233,407</u>	<u>1,127,935</u>	<u>1,176,018</u>	<u>(7,061,457)</u>	<u>927,772</u>	<u>(6,133,685)</u>
General Revenues:							
Property Taxes					3,056,169	-	3,056,169
Franchise Taxes					181,824	-	181,824
Intergovernmental					3,391,902	-	3,391,902
Interest Income					14,280	10,211	24,491
Miscellaneous					<u>498,756</u>	<u>540,922</u>	<u>1,039,678</u>
Total General Revenues					<u>7,142,931</u>	<u>551,133</u>	<u>7,694,064</u>
Changes in Net Assets					81,474	1,478,905	1,560,379
Net assets, beginning					7,066,968	11,619,932	18,686,900
Prior period adjustments					<u>(732,179)</u>	<u>238,227</u>	<u>(493,352)</u>
Net Assets, ending					<u>\$6,416,263</u>	<u>13,337,064</u>	<u>19,753,327</u>

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2009

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>MS Development Katrina Loan Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 856,175	502,141	1,147,148	2,506,194
Receivables, net	540,722	-	-	540,722
Due from other funds	<u>1,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,230</u>
Total current assets	1,398,127	502,141	1,147,148	3,048,146
Noncurrent assets:				
Restricted cash	<u>-</u>	<u>245,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>245,333</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,398,127</u>	<u>747,474</u>	<u>1,147,148</u>	<u>3,293,479</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 38,404	-	63,226	101,630
Other accrued liabilities	52,227	-	-	52,227
Compensated absences, Current	34,333	-	-	34,333
Total liabilities	<u>124,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,226</u>	<u>188,190</u>
Fund balances:				
Reserved for:				
Debt service	-	245,333	-	245,333
Unreserved:				
General fund	1,273,163	-	1,084,651	2,357,815
Special revenue funds	<u>-</u>	<u>502,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>502,141</u>
Total fund balances	<u>1,273,163</u>	<u>747,474</u>	<u>1,084,651</u>	<u>3,105,289</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,398,127</u>	<u>747,474</u>	<u>1,147,877</u>	<u>3,293,479</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
September 30, 2009

Total governmental funds balance \$ 3,105,289

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Governmental capital assets	\$ 8,518,684	
Less: accumulated depreciation	(2,827,160)	5,691,524

Differences in internal balances		644,964
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Bonds and notes	(2,803,322)	
Compensated absences	(222,192)	<u> </u>

Net assets of governmental activities		<u>\$ 6,416,263</u>
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CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>MS Development Katrina Loan Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 2,931,311	-	124,858	3,056,169
Franchise fees	181,824	-	-	181,824
Fees and fines	706,586	-	-	706,586
Licenses and permits	198,793	-	-	198,793
Intergovernmental	3,391,902	-	-	3,391,902
Interest income	14,229	-	51	14,280
Grants	573,344	-	1,403,623	1,976,967
Miscellaneous	29,983	-	468,773	498,756
Total revenues	<u>8,027,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,997,305</u>	<u>10,025,277</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	1,877,824	-	345,020	2,222,844
Public safety	4,891,323	-	751,229	5,642,552
Public works	1,059,505	-	19,170	1,078,675
Culture and recreation	3,800	-	355,624	359,424
Debt service:				
Interest and fiscal charges	-	105,357	-	105,357
Capital outlay	248,948	325,773	716,230	1,290,952
Total expenditures	<u>8,081,400</u>	<u>431,130</u>	<u>2,187,274</u>	<u>10,699,804</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(53,428)</u>	<u>(431,130)</u>	<u>(189,969)</u>	<u>(674,527)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in (out)	<u>(682,123)</u>	<u>(946,340)</u>	<u>728,071</u>	<u>(900,392)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(682,123)</u>	<u>(946,340)</u>	<u>728,071</u>	<u>(900,392)</u>
Net changes in fund balances	<u>(735,551)</u>	<u>(1,377,470)</u>	<u>538,102</u>	<u>(1,574,919)</u>
Fund balance - beginning of year	1,720,709	2,125,272	490,419	4,336,400
Prior period adjustments	288,005	(328)	56,130	343,807
Fund balance - end of year	<u>\$1,273,163</u>	<u>747,474</u>	<u>1,084,651</u>	<u>3,105,289</u>

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CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds **\$ (1,574,919)**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Also, transfers out are not recorded.

Capital outlay	\$1,290,953	
Depreciation	(312,760)	
Excess of depreciation expense over capital outlay		978,193
Transfers		900,392

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the funds.

Compensated absences		<u>(222,192)</u>
Changes in net assets of governmental activities		<u>\$ 81,474</u>

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PROPRIETARY FUNDS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
September 30, 2009

	Water and Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Total Proprietary Funds
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 736,774	95,994	832,768
Accounts receivable, net	1,736,780	-	1,736,780
Due from other funds		205,542	205,542
Other assets	<u>824,336</u>	-	<u>824,336</u>
Total current assets	<u>3,297,890</u>	<u>301,536</u>	<u>3,599,426</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	1,566,829	-	1,566,829
Capital assets:			
Land	1,188,570	-	1,188,570
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>27,582,502</u>	<u>36,952</u>	<u>27,619,454</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>30,337,901</u>	<u>36,952</u>	<u>30,374,853</u>
Total assets	<u>33,635,791</u>	<u>338,488</u>	<u>33,974,279</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	20,793		20,793
Other accrued liabilities	76,826		76,826
Compensated absences payable	9,930		9,930
Due to other funds	851,737	-	851,737
Bonds and notes payable	1,441,124	-	1,441,124
Payable from restricted assets:			
Customer deposits	<u>467,606</u>	-	<u>467,606</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>2,868,017</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,868,017</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Compensated absences	26,932	-	26,932
Bonds and notes payable	<u>17,742,266</u>	-	<u>17,742,266</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>17,769,198</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,769,198</u>
Total liabilities	<u>20,637,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,637,215</u>
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	9,461,970	36,952	9,498,922
Restricted:			
Debt service	614,429	-	614,429
Bond contingency fund	480,276	-	480,276
Unrestricted	<u>2,441,901</u>	<u>301,536</u>	<u>2,743,437</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 12,998,576</u>	<u>338,488</u>	<u>13,337,064</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>	<u>Total Proprietary Funds</u>
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for services	\$ 5,733,838	1,594,190	7,328,028
Grants	326,986	-	326,986
Miscellaneous	<u>540,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>540,922</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>6,601,746</u>	<u>1,594,190</u>	<u>8,195,936</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Personnel services	1,918,093	113,494	2,031,587
Wastewater treatment	1,025,321	-	1,025,321
Waste collections and disposals	-	1,105,154	1,105,154
Utilities	97,210	-	97,210
Supplies	236,458	24	236,482
Maintenance and repairs	150,597	14,666	165,263
Depreciation	439,601	8,697	448,298
Other services and charges	<u>903,801</u>	<u>53,150</u>	<u>956,951</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>4,771,081</u>	<u>1,295,185</u>	<u>6,066,266</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>1,830,665</u>	<u>299,005</u>	<u>2,129,670</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Interest income	10,211	-	10,211
Interest expense	<u>(660,976)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(660,976)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(650,765)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(650,765)</u>
Changes in net assets	1,179,900	299,005	1,478,905
Transfer In	517,211	383,181	900,392
Total net assets - beginning of year	11,935,362	(315,430)	11,619,932
Prior period adjustments	<u>(633,897)</u>	<u>(28,268)</u>	<u>(662,165)</u>
Total net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 12,998,576</u>	<u>338,488</u>	<u>13,337,064</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>	<u>Total Proprietary Funds</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash received from customers	\$ 6,016,616	1,388,648	7,405,264
Cash received from grants	326,968	-	326,968
Payments for goods and services	(3,184,029)	(1,181,764)	(4,365,793)
Payments to employees	(1,918,093)	(115,149)	(2,033,242)
Other receipts	<u>436,603</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>436,603</u>
Net cash provided (used) in operating Activities	<u>1,678,065</u>	<u>91,735</u>	<u>1,769,800</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:			
Transfers to other funds	<u>517,211</u>	<u>383,181</u>	<u>900,392</u>
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>517,211</u>	<u>383,181</u>	<u>900,392</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:			
Purchase and construction of capital assets	(2,252,311)	-	(2,252,311)
Principal paid on capital debt	(1,228,260)	-	(1,228,260)
Proceeds from capital debt	1,649,516	-	1,649,516
Interest paid on capital debt	<u>(660,976)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(660,976)</u>
Net cash used in capital and related financing Activities	<u>(2,492,031)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,492,031)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Restricted customer deposits	23,834	-	23,834
Interest received	<u>10,211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,211</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>34,045</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,045</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents:	(262,710)	474,916	212,206
Beginning of the year	<u>2,566,313</u>	<u>(378,922)</u>	<u>2,187,391</u>
End of the year	<u>\$ 2,303,603</u>	<u>95,994</u>	<u>2,399,597</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities			
Operating income (loss)	\$ 1,830,665	299,005	2,129,670
Adjustments to reconcile operating (income) loss to net cash			
Depreciation expense	439,601	8,697	448,298
Increase (decrease) in current assets:			
Accounts receivable	(1,007,620)	-	(1,007,620)
(Increase) decrease in current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	(321,052)		(321,052)
Due to other funds	752,589	(215,967)	536,622
Other liabilities	(17,693)	-	(17,693)
Compensated absences	<u>1,575</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,575</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating Activities	<u>\$ 1,678,065</u>	<u>91,735</u>	<u>1,769,800</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2009

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Gautier, Mississippi was incorporated on June 17, 1986. The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government described under Title 21, Chapter 9, of the Mississippi Code of 1972. The City provides the following services, as authorized by its charter: public safety, public works, public health and welfare, culture, recreation and water, sewer and gas system.

The City's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. In the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements for the proprietary funds, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, have been applied unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. For enterprise funds, GASB Statement Nos. 20 and 34 provide the City with the option of electing to apply FASB pronouncements issued after that date. The City has chosen not to apply those pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this Note. The City implemented the general provisions of GASB Statement Nos. 33 and 34 during fiscal year ended September 30, 2004.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

These financial statements present the City (the primary government) only. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the City's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the City holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the City is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the City
- there is fiscal dependency by the organization on the City

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the City of Gautier has no component units.

B. Basic Financial Statements - Government-wide statements

The City's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the City as a whole) and fund financial statements. Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type. The City's police and fire protection, parks, recreation, public works, and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities. The City's water and sewer system and solid waste management services are classified as business-type activities.

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2009

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

In the Government-Wide Statement of Net Assets, both the governmental and business-type activities columns are presented on a consolidated basis and are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The City's net assets are reported in three parts: invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net assets; and unrestricted net assets. The City first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The Government-Wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the City's functions and business-type activities (public safety, public works, culture and recreation, etc.). The functions are also supported by general governmental revenues (property, sales and use taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits and charges, etc.). The Government-Wide Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues and by operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function (police, public works, community and youth services, etc.) or a business-type activity. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The net costs (by function or business-type activity) are normally covered by general revenue (property, sales or gas taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc.).

The City does not allocate indirect costs. An administrative service fee is charged by the General Fund to the Water and Sewer Fund to recover the direct costs of General Fund services provided (finance, personnel, purchasing, legal, technology management, etc.).

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the City as an entity and the change in the City's net assets resulting from the current year's activities.

C. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the City are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by genetic classification within the financial statements.

Governmental Funds:

The focus of governmental fund measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the City:

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2009

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
2. Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. These funds include: Fire Protection Fund, Recreation Fund, Tideland Grant Fund, etc.
3. Debt service funds are used to account for the accumulation of funds for the periodic payment of principal and interest on general long-term debt.
4. Capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by business-type/proprietary funds). The City had several capital projects funds during the year ended September 30, 2009.

Proprietary Funds:

The focus of proprietary fund measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position, and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. The following is a description of the proprietary funds of the City.

1. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services and the activity (a) is financed with debt that is solely secured by a pledge of the net revenues, (b) has third party requirements that the cost of providing services, including capital costs, be recovered with fees and charges, or (c) establishes fees and charges based on a pricing policy designed to recover similar costs. These funds include: Water and Sewer System Fund, Solid Waste Fund and related projects.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Accrual:

Both governmental and business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Modified Accrual:

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

E. Financial Statement Amounts

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The City has defined cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, demand deposits, and cash with fiscal agents. Additionally, each fund's equity in the City's investment pool is treated as a cash equivalent because the funds can deposit or effectively withdraw cash at any time without prior notice or penalty.

Capital Assets:

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized.

Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings 20-50 years Water and sewer system 30-35 years Machinery and equipment 7-10 years
Improvements 30-35 years Other infrastructures 10-60 years Vehicles 5 years GASB Statement No. 34
required the City to report and depreciate new infrastructure assets beginning in 2004. Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, underground pipe (other than related to utilities), traffic signals, etc. These infrastructure assets are the largest asset class of the City. Neither their historical cost nor related depreciation has historically been reported in the financial statements. The retroactive reporting of infrastructure was subject to an extended implementation period and was first effective for fiscal years ended in 2006. As of the year ending September 30, 2009, the City has not implemented retroactive infrastructure reporting. The City implemented the general provisions of GASB No. 34 during 2004.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Revenues:

Substantially all governmental fund revenues are accrued. Property taxes are billed and collected within the same period in which the taxes are levied. Subsidies and grants to proprietary funds, which finance either capital or current operations, are reported as non-operating revenue based on GASB Statement No. 33. In applying GASB Statement No. 33 to grant revenues, the provider recognizes liabilities and expenses, and the recipient recognizes receivables and revenues when the applicable eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Resources transmitted before the eligibility requirements are met are reported as advances by the provider and deferred revenue by the recipient.

Expenditures:

Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

Compensated Absences:

The City's policy allows employees to accumulate unused sick leave on an unlimited basis and vacation leave up to two years generally. Upon termination, any accumulated vacation will be paid to the employee.

Sick leave is not paid upon termination. The City accrues accumulated unpaid vacation leave at the end of the fiscal year. The noncurrent portion (the amount estimated to be used in subsequent fiscal years) for governmental funds is maintained separately and represents a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentations.

Interfund Activity:

Interfund activity consists of loans, services provided, reimbursements or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables, as appropriate, and are subject to elimination upon consolidation.

Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses. Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund, and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental and proprietary funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements.

By its nature as a local government unit, the City is subject to various federal, state, and local laws and contractual regulations. An analysis of the City's compliance with significant laws and regulations and demonstration of its stewardship over City resources follows.

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NOTE 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Fund Accounting Requirements

The City complies with all state and local laws and regulations requiring the use of separate funds. The legally-required funds used by the City include the following:

<u>Fund:</u> _____	<u>Required By:</u> _____
CDBG Fund	Grant Agreement
Water & Sewer Fund	Trust Indenture
Solid Waste Fund	State Law

B. Deposits and Investments - Laws and Regulations

State law requires that all deposits in excess of Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance limits be 105% collateralized by U.S. Government obligations or by state municipal obligations that have a fair value of not less than the principal amount of the deposits. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions are held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5 Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the FDIC. The City's deposits were fully insured or collateralized as required by statute at September 30, 2009. At year- end, the respective bank balances totaled \$5,151,124. There were no certificates of deposit outstanding at September 30, 2009.

C. Revenue Restrictions

The City has various restrictions placed over certain revenue sources from state or local requirements. The primary restricted revenue sources include:

<u>Revenue Source:</u> _____	<u>Legal Restrictions in Use:</u> _____
Sales Tax	Sewer Rehabilitation Notes
Gasoline Excise & Commercial Vehicle Tax	Street and Road Purposes
Water and Sewer Revenue	Debt Service and Utility Operations
Grant Program Expenditures	Grant Agreements
Ad Valorem Tax	Debt Service

For the year ended September 30, 2009 the City complied, in all material respects, with these revenue restrictions.

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NOTE 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY (continued)

D. Debt Restrictions and Covenants

General obligation debt represents direct obligations issued on a pledge of the general taxing power of the City for the payment of its debt obligations.

NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS

A. Cash and Investments

The City deposits funds in financial institutions selected by the City's Councilmen in accordance with Mississippi statutes. Allocation of the resulting balance is accomplished with inter-bank transfers. Approved city depositories for the calendar years 2008-2009 were as follows:

	<u>Allocation Percentage</u>
Hancock Bank	50%
Merchant and Marine Bank	25%
Peoples Bank	25%
	100%

By using this multiple financial institution collateral pool, all of the City's deposits at September 30, 2009, fall into the credit risk category of "Insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or its agent in the entity's name."

Deposits at September 30, 2009, (including restricted deposits) were as follows:

	<u>Bank Balances</u>
Pooled deposits:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,338,962
Non-pooled deposits:	
Cash and cash equivalents:	
Debt Service Fund	858,327
Travel Fund	1,141
Meter Deposits	467,606
Unemployment Fund	4,812
Contingency Fund	480,276
	<u>\$ 5,151,124</u>

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NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)

B. Restricted Cash

The amounts reported as restricted assets are cash and accrued interest held by the trustee bank on behalf of the various public trusts (authorities) related to their required note payable accounts and amounts held in trust for customer utility meter deposits.

The restricted assets as of September 30, 2009, were as follows:

<u>Types of Restricted Assets</u>	<u>Cash Including Time Deposits</u>
Meter Deposits	\$ 467,606
Bond Contingency Fund	480,276
Series 2001 Utility System Refunding Bond	612,994
2008 MS Development Loan	245,333
Travel & Unemployment	5,953
	<u>\$ 1,812,162</u>

C. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable at September 30, 2009, consisted of the following:

	<u>Accounts Receivable</u>	<u>Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts</u>	<u>Net Accounts Receivable</u>
Governmental activities:			
General Fund:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 52,549	-	52,549
Municipal court	2,579,526	2,476,375	103,151
Sales tax	385,022	-	385,022
	-	-	-
Total General Fund	<u>3,017,097</u>	<u>2,476,375</u>	<u>540,722</u>
Business-type activities:			
Enterprise Fund:			
Water and sewer collections	2,159,081	422,301	1,736,780
Total business-type activities	<u>2,159,081</u>	<u>422,301</u>	<u>1,736,780</u>
Total government-wide activities	<u>\$ 5,176,178</u>	<u>2,898,676</u>	<u>2,277,502</u>

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NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)

D. Capital Assets

Capital assets have not been audited.

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2009, was as follows:

	Primary Government			Ending Balance
	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 743,862	-	-	743,862
Construction in progress	-	-	-	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	743,862	-	-	743,862
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	1,422,920			1,422,920
Machinery and equipment	5,792,773	235,730	-	6,028,503
Infrastructure	323,399		-	323,399
Total capital assets being depreciated	7,539,092	235,730	-	7,774,822
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(418,387)	-	-	(418,387)
Machinery and equipment	(2,074,543)	(310,592)	-	(2,385,135)
Infrastructure	(21,471)	(2,167)	-	(23,638)
Total accumulated depreciation	(2,514,401)	(312,759)	-	(2,827,160)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	5,024,691	(77,029)	-	4,947,662
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 5,768,553	(77,029)	-	5,691,524
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land & Easements	\$ 386,596	801,974	-	1,188,570
Construction in progress	8,538,153		(8,538,153)	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	8,924,749	801,974	(8,538,153)	1,188,570
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvement	2,223,960		-	2,223,960
Machinery and equipment	1,428,472	61,936	-	1,490,408
Infrastructure	29,412,611	10,469,974		36,882,585
Total capital assets being depreciated	33,065,043	10,531,910		43,596,953
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvement	(349,379)	(8,697)	-	(358,076)
Machinery and equipment	(768,193)	(194,202)	-	(962,395)
Utility system	(15,229,238)	(245,399)	817,609	(14,657,028)
Total accumulated depreciation	(16,346,810)	(448,298)	817,609	(15,977,499)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	16,718,233	10,083,612	817,609	27,619,454
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 25,642,982	10,885,586	(7,720,544)	28,808,024
Primary Government				
Total capital assets, net	\$ 31,411,535	10,808,557	(7,720,544)	34,499,548

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NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)

A summary of general fixed assets transactions for the year ended September 30, 2009, follows:

	<u>Expended through September 30, 2009</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
Business-type activities (in progress at 09-30-08):		
Allen Road Water and Sewer Expansion	\$ 451,377	--
Lift Station Upgrade	2,503,100	--
Water Improvements - Old Spanish Trail	1,534,115	--
Highway 90/57 Sewer System Expansion	4,049,560	-
Total	<u>\$ 8,538,152</u>	<u>--</u>
Transferred to infrastructure	(7,430,148)	
Transferred to land & easements	(801,974)	
Adjustment to construction estimate	<u>(306,030)</u>	
Total transferred and added to fixed assets	<u>(8,538,152)</u>	
Construction in Progress at 09-30-09	<u>-</u>	
Business-type Activities - other		
Machinery & equipment purchased	<u>61,936</u>	
Government Activities		
Machinery & equipment purchased	<u>235,730</u>	

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs for the year ended September 30, 2009, as follows:

Governmental activities:		
General government		<u>\$ 312,759</u>
Business-type activities:		
Water and Sewer Fund		\$ 439,601
Solid Waste Fund		<u>8,697</u>
Total business-type activities depreciation expense		<u>\$ 448,298</u>

E. Accounts Payable

Payables are composed of amounts due to vendors within 60 days of year end and accrued salaries and benefits.

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NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)

F. Long-Term Debt

The City's long-term debt is segregated between the amounts to be repaid from governmental activities and amounts to be repaid from business-type activities. Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2009, is shown below:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
Bonds and notes payable	\$ 2,803,322	-	-	2,803,322	-
Compensated absences	<u>223,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,172</u>	<u>222,192</u>	<u>34,333</u>
Total governmental activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 3,026,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,172</u>	<u>3,025,514</u>	<u>34,333</u>
Business-type activities:					
Water and sewer debt	\$18,812,316	1,649,516	2,719,566	17,742,266	1,441,124
Compensated absences	<u>35,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,818</u>	<u>26,932</u>	<u>9,930</u>
Total business-type activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$18,848,066</u>	<u>1,649,516</u>	<u>2,728,384</u>	<u>17,769,198</u>	<u>1,451,054</u>

Description of Debt

At September 30, 2009, notes payable consisted of the following individual issues:

	<u>General Long- Term Debt</u>
Governmental activities:	
General obligation bonds and notes:	
Unsecured promissory note, payable in one balloon installment, bearing interest at 4.35%, maturing August 2010	\$ 2,453,322
Unsecured community disaster loan, bearing interest at 2.80%, maturing March 2011	<u>350,000</u>
Total general obligation bonds and notes	<u>2,803,322</u>
Compensated absences	256,525
Less current portion of compensated absences	<u>(34,333)</u>
Long term portion of compensated absences	<u>222,192</u>
Total governmental activities long-term debt	<u>\$ 3,025,514</u>

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NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)

Business-type activities:

Revenue Refunding Bond:

Series 2001 Refunding Bond, payable in semiannual installments, bearing interest at a variable rate, currently 4.25%, maturing March 2019, secured by utility system revenues	\$ 11,785,000
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Revenue Bonds:

State Revolving Fund Loan, payable in monthly installments of \$9,019, beginning October 2006, bearing interest at 3.56%, maturing January 2026, secured by utility system revenues	1,344,987
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State Revolving Fund Loan, payable in monthly installments of \$10,949, beginning September 2006, bearing interest at 1.75%, maturing January 2026, secured by utility system revenues	1,865,320
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State Revolving Fund Loan, payable in monthly installments of \$7,877, beginning April 2006, bearing interest at 1.75%, maturing April 2025, secured by utility system revenues	1,288,485
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State Revolving Fund Loan, total amount drawn on \$727,139 construction loan, bearing interest at 2.5%, secured by utility system revenues	740,239
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State Revolving Fund Loan, total amount drawn on \$420,792 construction loan, bearing interest at 1.95%, secured by utility system revenues	398,911
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State Revolving Fund Loan, total amount drawn on \$1,474,325 construction loan, bearing interest at 2.75%, secured by utility system revenues	<u>1,760,448</u>
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Total general obligation bonds and notes	19,183,390
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Compensated absences

Less current portion of long-term debt	<u>(1,451,054)</u>
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Total business-type activities long-term debt	<u>\$17,769,198</u>
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Revenue Refunding Bond

Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, were issued for the purpose of providing for the refunding of all maturities of the Gautier Utility District's outstanding Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 1992, issued in the principal amount of \$19,970,000, in order to accomplish debt service savings for the District. The bond is payable solely from net revenues from water and sewer system operation. The Gautier Utility District was merged into the City of Gautier during fiscal year ended September 30, 2002.

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NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)

The bonds are collateralized by the revenues of the water and sewer system and the various special funds established by the bond ordinances. The ordinances provide that the revenue of the system is to be used first to pay operating and maintenance expenses of the system and second to establish and maintain the Revenue Bond Funds. As long as the bonds are outstanding, the City agreed to fix and maintain rates and collect charges for the use and services of the System, which will at all times be sufficient to meet specified requirements. The balance outstanding at September 30, 2009, was \$11,785,000.

Revenue Bonds State revenue bonds are collateralized by the revenues of the water and sewer funds. The City executed several long-term debt agreements with the State of Mississippi Environmental Quality for the purpose of improving the water distribution and sewer collection systems. The City entered into an agreement with the Mississippi State Tax Commission, allowing the Tax Commission to withhold \$27,845 from monthly sales tax revenues as payment for principal and interest on bonds beginning in fiscal year 2006. The balance outstanding on these bonds, as of September 30, 2009, was \$7,398,390.

Debt Maturity

Debt service requirements at September 30, 2009, were as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>Notes & Capital Leases</u>		<u>Water and Sewer Bonds & Notes</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2010	\$ -	106,720	1,257,750	749,621
2011	2,453,322	48,079	1,319,645	707,924
2012	350,000	-	1,387,960	649,359
2013	-	-	1,451,484	583,222
2014	-	-	1,520,224	513,707
2015-2019	-	-	8,740,183	1,259,481
2020-2024	-	-	2,319,609	286,018
2025-2028	-	-	1,186,535	55,289
Total	<u>\$ 2,803,322</u>	<u>261,519</u>	<u>19,183,390</u>	<u>4,804,622</u>

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NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)

G. Interfund Balances

Interfund balances at September 30, 2009, consisted of the following:

	<u>DUE FROM:</u>					<u>Total</u>
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>			<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>MS Development</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>	
<u>DUE TO:</u>						
Governmental activities:						
General Fund	\$ 851,737	-	-	(851,737)	-	-
MS Development		-		-		-
Other Governmental Funds	-	-	-	-		-
Business-type Activities:						
Water and Sewer Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solid Waste Fund Total	(205,542)	-	-	205,542	-	-
Total	<u>\$646,195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(646,195)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

All balances resulted from the time lag between dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

H. Interfund Transfers

Transfer balances at September 30, 2009, consisted of the following:

	<u>TRANSFERS IN:</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		
	<u>Other Governmental Fund</u>	<u>Other Business-Type Fund</u>		
<u>TRANSFERS OUT:</u>				
Governmental activities:				
General Fund	\$	900,392		900,392
MS Development	-	-		-
Other Governmental Funds	-	-		-
Business-type activities:				
Water and Sewer Fund	-	-		-
Solid Waste	-	-		-
Total	<u>\$</u>	<u>900,392</u>		<u>900,392</u>

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

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NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES

A. Property Tax

Property tax is levied on the assessed (appraised) value as compiled by the Jackson County Tax Assessor for all real and business personal property located in the City. The assessment roll is approved and the levy is set before September 30, following a series of public hearings to receive citizen objections.

Resulting taxes are due on or before February 1. Installment payments are accepted on or before February 1, May 1, and August 1. An inter-local government agreement, effective October 1, 1989, provided for billing and collection of City and Pascagoula School District taxes by Jackson County, Mississippi.

Included in revenues are taxes for automobile tags, which are assessed and collected by Jackson County.

Such taxes, less a collection fee, are remitted to the City monthly.

Property tax revenues are recognized as the related ad valorem taxes are collected. Additional amounts estimated to be collectible in time to be a resource for payment of obligations incurred during the fiscal year and therefore susceptible to accrual in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been recognized as revenue.

Increases in taxes are generally limited by State law to 10% of the taxes collected for the prior assessment year, excluding taxes from property added to the tax assessment rolls in the current year.

The City is required by law to assess and collect taxes necessary for operation of the Jackson-George Regional Library System and for service of certain related debt. Jackson-George Regional Library System provides services to residents of inside and outside the geographic boundaries of the City and has a separate appointed and/or elected board. Jackson-George Regional Library System is not included as a component unit of the City's financial reporting entity because the City does not have the ability to exercise control over library operations or approve budgets.

For the year ended September 30, 2009, the City's 2009 tax rate was as follows:

	<u>MILLS</u>
General Fund	20.444
Library Fund	<u>1.000</u>
Total	<u>21.444</u>

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NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES (continued)

B. Pension Plans

Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description - The City of Gautier contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employee Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005, or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Funding Policy - PERS' members are required to contribute 7.25% of their annual covered salary and the Jackson County Utility Authority is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate of 12.00% of annual covered payroll, increased from the previous 11.85% as of July 1, 2009. The contribution requirements of PERS' members are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature.

The City of Gautier's contributions to PERS for the years ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, were \$685,300 and \$562,944, respectively, representing 100% of the required contributions for the year.

Deferred Compensation Plan

The City, through PERS, offers its employees a voluntary deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to all City employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

The assets of the plan are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries. The requirements of Internal Revenue Code Section 457(g) prescribe that the City does not own the amounts deferred by employees, including the related income on those amounts. Additionally, the City does not have fiduciary accountability for the plan. Accordingly, the assets and the liability for compensation deferred by plan participants, including earnings on plan assets, are not included in the City's financial statements.

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NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES (continued)

C. Commitments and Contingencies

Related Party Transactions

No known transactions requiring disclosure occurred between the City and its employees or elected officials.

Grants and Awards The City participates in certain federal and state assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not believed by management to be material.

Litigation Various claims and lawsuits are pending against the City. In the opinion of City management, after consultation with legal counsel, the potential loss on all claims and lawsuits will not materially affect the City's financial position.

Contract Commitments Service Contracts:

On May 17, 1988, the City entered into an agreement with Jackson County, under which the County provides animal shelter services for a current fee of \$10,560 per year.

On January 1, 1988, the City entered into an agreement with Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. VIII (the Housing Authority) for the development of low-income housing units operated by the Housing Authority within the municipality. Under the agreement, all projects are exempt from all real and personal property taxes and special assessments levied by any taxing body. The Housing Authority makes annual payments in lieu of such taxes for the public services and facilities furnished by the City. Annual payments would be the lesser of 10% of shelter rent collected or the amount permitted to be paid by state law in effect on the date payment is made.

The City's six-year contract for trash collection services expired on September 30, 2006; however, the City renewed the contract for another six-years. The contractor is paid on a per unit basis, with an additional charge for Recycle Center collections.

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NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES (continued)

Construction Contracts:

The City entered into various construction contracts in the prior Fiscal Year for infrastructure improvements with no estimated remaining commitments at September 3, 2009. The majority of these projects were funded by various state and federal grants. See Note 3. D for more detailed information on these projects.

D. Joint Venture

The City is a member of the joint venture Jackson County Utility Authority (the Authority), which was established by an act of the Mississippi Legislature to design and implement a water pollution abatement plan. The Authority is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Gautier, Moss Point, Ocean Springs and Pascagoula. The Authority enters into subscription agreements with each of the governing bodies and districts to fund its operations.

The following is a synopsis of the Authority's financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009, a complete copy of which is on file at the administrative offices of the Authority, located at 1225 Jackson Avenue, Pascagoula, Mississippi 39567.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current assets	\$	19,081,842
Restricted investments		1,998,750
Capital assets	\$	<u>71,842,247</u>
Total assets	\$	<u>92,922,839</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities	\$	15,582,165
Noncurrent liabilities		<u>12,294,976</u>
Total liabilities		<u>27,877,141</u>

NET ASSETS

Total liabilities and net assets	\$	<u>92,922,839</u>
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Operating revenues	\$	8,161,071
Operating expenses		(8,499,518)
Non-operating revenues		26,028,461
Non-operating expenses		-
Change in net assets	\$	<u>25,690,014</u>

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2009

NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES (continued)

E. Deficit fund balances/Retained earnings

Deficit fund balances of individual funds were as follows:

Governmental activities:

Sales Tax Revenue Katrina Fund	1,786
2006 Hurricane Relief Grant – PD Fund	2,265

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
 NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 September 30, 2009

NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES (continued)

F. Prior period adjustments

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net assets September 30, 2008, as originally presented	\$ <u>7,066,968</u>	<u>11,619,932</u>	<u>18,686,900</u>
Change in characterization of capital assets	(760,635)		(760,635)
Adjustments to balances	<u>28,456</u>	<u>238,227</u>	<u>266,683</u>
Total prior period adjustments	<u>(732,179)</u>	<u>238,227</u>	<u>(493,952)</u>
Restated net assets, September 30, 2008	<u>\$ 6,334,789</u>	<u>11,858,159</u>	<u>18,192,948</u>

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>
Fund balance September 30, 2008, as originally presented	\$ 4,336,400	11,619,932
Change in charterization of capital assets	343,807	
Adjustment to construction in progress	_____ -	<u>(662,165)</u>
Total prior period adjustments	<u>343,807</u>	<u>(662,165)</u>
Restated fund balance, September 30, 2008	<u>\$4,680,207</u>	<u>\$ 10,957,767</u>

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2009

NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES (continued)

G. Subsequent events –

- Awarded a bid for construction of a restroom facility at City Park for \$ 151,161.
- Approved a \$ 186,501 contract amendment for the Street Scape Project for a revised project total of \$618,936.
- Approved the refinancing of the \$ 2,360,000 Katrina Loan.
- A HWY 90 Street Scape contract was approved for \$ 535,498.
- Approved acquisition of a building for the Police Department for \$ 761,000.
- Approved a \$ 7,000,000 Bond Issue for capital projects.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Over / Under
Budgetary fund balance, October 1, 2008	\$ 164,611	610,384	1,662,164	1,051,780
Resources (inflows):				
Taxes	2,848,836	2,848,836	2,878,762	29,926
Licenses and permits	777,580	777,580	198,793	(578,787)
Inter-governmental revenues	3,180,806	3,303,906	3,521,622	217,716
Fines and forfeitures	630,000	630,000	715,901	85,901
Miscellaneous	224,150	243,150	284,407	41,257
Available for appropriations	<u>7,706,583</u>	<u>7,937,771</u>	<u>9,022,485</u>	<u>1,084,714</u>
Charges to appropriations (outflows):				
<i>General Government</i>				
Personnel services	674,131	679,793	581,220	98,573
Supplies	30,400	38,400	14,691	23,709
Other services and charges	510,802	585,152	381,016	204,136
Capital outlay	25,000	40,400	10,768	29,632
<i>Public Safety</i>				
Personnel services	4,564,594	4,564,594	4,454,499	110,095
Supplies	309,400	309,400	202,021	107,379
Other services and charges	173,960	169,039	137,378	31,661
Capital outlay	2,400	2,400	0	2,400
<i>Public Works</i>				
Personnel services	442,428	442,428	409,197	33,231
Supplies	204,000	204,000	150,947	58,053
Other services and charges	238,700	251,300	281,153	(29,853)
Capital outlay	8,000	8,000	2,395	5,605
<i>Community Services</i>				
Personnel services	376,652	369,840	347,434	22,406
Supplies	16,780	16,780	41,696	(24,916)
Other Services & Charges	38,884	38,884	142,900	(104,016)
Capital Outlay	3,000	3,000	0	3,000
<i>Culture and recreation</i>				
Other services and charges	4,250	4,250	3,800	450
<i>Other</i>				
Interfund transfers	232,069	236,990	598,994	(362,004)
Other services & charges – prior year funds	<u>292,000</u>	<u>306,500</u>	<u>254,983</u>	<u>51,517</u>
Total charges to Appropriations	<u>8,148,050</u>	<u>8,271,150</u>	<u>8,015,091</u>	<u>256,059</u>
Budgetary fund balance, September 30, 2009	<u>\$ (441,467)</u>	<u>(333,379)</u>	<u>1,007,394</u>	<u>1,340,773</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL RECONCILIATION
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

An explanation of the differences between budgetary inflows and outflows and revenues and expenditures determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles is as follows:

Sources/inflows of resources:

Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "available for appropriation" from the budgetary comparison schedule	\$ 9,022,485
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Differences - budget to GAAP

The fund balance at the beginning of the year is a budgetary resource but is not a current-year revenue for financial reporting purposes.	(1,662,164)
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The budget is prepared on the cash basis whereas the fund statements are on the modified accrual basis. This is the net effect of accrual transactions.	<u>667,651</u>
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Total revenues as reported on the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds, General Fund	<u>\$ 8,027,972</u>
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Uses/outflows of resources:

Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total charges to appropriations" from the budgetary comparison schedule	\$ 8,015,091
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Differences - budget to GAAP

Special Revenue Fund expenditures included in the General Fund for reporting, but not for budget purposes.	544,128
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Encumbrances for supplies and equipment ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year the supplies are received for financial reporting purposes.	121,175
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Transfers to other funds are outflows of budgetary resources but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes.	<u>(598,994)</u>
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Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds, General Fund	<u>\$ 8,081,400</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

NOTE 1: BUDGETARY DATA

The procedures used by the City in establishing the budgetary data are as follows:

1. The City Clerk's office prepares estimates of available revenue.
2. Department directors submit proposed expenditure budgets to the City Clerk by June 1, each year.
3. The City Manager and the department directors review expenditure budgets, and necessary revisions are made.
4. Budgeted revenues and expenditures are balanced, and a summary budget is prepared and presented to the City Council.
5. The City Manager submits the proposed budget to the Board by August 1.
6. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
7. The final budget is approved by September 15, and must be published in a local newspaper on or before September 30.
8. Budget revisions are made throughout the year (prior to September), as reallocations of funds are necessary or circumstances change, which dictate the need for a budget amendment.
9. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all budgetary funds.
10. The general fund budget is adopted on a cash basis as required by State statute. The appropriated budget is prepared by fund, function and department. The legal level of budgetary controls is the department level. The City Clerk's office exercises budgetary monitoring throughout the fiscal year. An adopted budget may not exceed its appropriated level without Board approval. However, department heads may make transfers of appropriations within a department. Budgetary controls are implemented through the City Clerk's office through the use of budget-to-actual reports. Any purchase requisition that will cause a line item to exceed its budget will be disallowed by the City Manager. The department head will then be required to make an inter-departmental budget transfer or request a budget amendment.

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

NOTE 2: EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS (BUDGET)

Although there were some excess of expenditures over appropriations (budget) by department for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, as shown on Page 53, the overall ending fund balance was higher than the anticipated.

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL RECONCILIATION
MS DEVELOPMENT BANK KATRINA LOAN FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

	<u>Original Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Over / Under</u>
Budgetary fund balance, October 1, 2008	\$ 1,977,609	1,879,611	1,879,611	-
Resources (inflows):				
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-
Amounts available for Appropriations	<u>1,977,609</u>	<u>1,879,611</u>	<u>1,879,611</u>	<u>-</u>
Charges to appropriations (outflows):				
General Government Debt Service	106,719	106,719	105,357	1,362
Capital Outlay		110,867	325,773	(214,906)
Transfers Out	-	-	<u>946,340</u>	<u>(946,340)</u>
Total charges to Appropriations	<u>106,719</u>	<u>217,586</u>	<u>1,377,470</u>	<u>(1,159,884)</u>
Budgetary fund balance, September 30, 2009	<u>\$ 1,870,890</u>	<u>1,662,025</u>	<u>502,141</u>	<u>(1,159,884)</u>

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tommy Fortenberry	Mayor	\$ 100,000
Donald Nash	Councilman	100,000
Johnny Jones	Councilman	100,000
Hurley Ray Guillotte	Councilman	100,000
Gordon Gollott	Councilman	100,000
Scott McFarland	Councilman	100,000
Adam Colledge	Councilman	100,000
Sidney Runnels	City Manager	50,000
Linda Green	City Clerk	50,000
Adrienne Howell	City Clerk (Appointed July 7, 2009)	50,000
Edward E. Williams	Police Chief	50,000

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Justice			
Passed Through State:			
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant			
Task Force Grant	16.592	7NM1301	\$ 31,628
FBI Safe Street	16.592	18PGCP540Z	14,850
HIDTA	16.592	18PGCP540Z	8,400
DUI Grant	16.592	09-TA-210-1	14,803
Hurricane Relief Fund	16.738	2006-DH-BX-0438	41,869
U.S. Department of Homeland Security			
Passed Through State:			
Disaster Grant - Public Assistance	97.036	FEMA-1604-DR-MS	360,204
Katrina- Hazard Mitigation	97.039	DR-1604-MS-0111	93,503
Neighborhood Watch Grant	97.000	07CC192	16,766
Homeland SEC Grant	97.044	EMW-2008-FO-1372	54,827
Phase III Generator Grant	97.039	DR-1604-MS-0103	292,434
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			
Passed Through State:			
		R-103-192-01-KCR/R101-	
Community Development Block Grant	14.229	06-004-01 / Gautier-01	137,446
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	R-103-192-01-KP	275,584
Community Development Block Grant-			
Regional Disaster	14.228	Gautier-01 (S-27) (W-22)	323,362
Code Enforcement Grant	14.219-14.228	R-101-06-004-I	138,976
U.S Department of Transportation			
Passed Through State:			
MDOT	20.205	ER-9187-00(005) / LPA/105157-7001000	413,344
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			
Passed through State:			
MS State Board of Health	66.468	DWI H280114-01	120,918
MS Dept. of Environmental Quality	66.458	SRF-C280879-02-2	<u>468,851</u>
 Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			 <u>\$ 2,807,765</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the City of Gautier and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the presentation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE 2. LOAN AGREEMENTS OUTSTANDING

Proceeds of State Revolving Fund loans were obtained for sewer rehabilitation and drinking water system improvements. The State Revolving Fund is financed, at least in part, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The principal balance on September 30, 2009, was:

. DWI-H280092-01-3	\$ 1,344,987
, SRF-C2808754-01-3	1,865,320
, SRF-C280879-01-2	1,288,485
. DWI-H280114-01-2	740,239
. DWI-H280114-02-0	398,911
. SRF-C280879-02-2	<u>1,760,448</u>
	<u>\$ 7,398,390</u>

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

2008-B-1 The City was still unable to provide sufficient documentary evidence to support the carrying amounts of fixed assets on its books. This finding continues, with the exception of taking a physical inventory, and is noted again in Finding 2009-B-1.

REPORTS ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING
STANDARDS**

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Gautier, Mississippi

I have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Gautier, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the City of Gautier, Mississippi's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated April 30, 2011. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, we considered City of Gautier, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Gautier, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Gautier, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, I identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the City of Gautier, Mississippi's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the City of Gautier, Mississippi's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the City of Gautier, Mississippi's internal control. I consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards

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A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the City of Gautier, Mississippi's internal control.

My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiency described above, I consider items 2009-B-1 and 2009-B-2 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Gautier, Mississippi's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of out tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

I noted certain matters that we reported to management of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in a separate letter dated April 30, 2011.

The City of Gautier, Mississippi's response to the findings identified in my audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. I did not audit the City of Gautier, Mississippi's response and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, City Council, others within the entity, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Gautier, Mississippi
April 30, 2011

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Gautier, Mississippi

Compliance

I have audited the compliance of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2009.

The City of Gautier, Mississippi's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the City of Gautier, Mississippi's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on the City of Gautier, Mississippi's compliance based on my audit.

I conducted out audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City of Gautier, Mississippi's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. I believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion. My audit does not provide a legal determination of the City of Gautier, Mississippi's compliance with those requirements.

In my opinion, the City of Gautier, Mississippi, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2009.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing my audit, I considered the City of Gautier, Mississippi's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Gautier, Mississippi's internal control over compliance.

Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133
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A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

My consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, City Council, others within the entity, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Gautier, Mississippi
April 30, 2011

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
WITH MISSISSIPPI STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Gautier, Mississippi

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the City of Gautier, Mississippi (the City) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009 and have issued my report dated April 30, 2009. I have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, I have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures and my audit of the basic financial statements disclosed the following material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. My findings and recommendations and your responses are as follows:

Finding

The City was not able to generate a ledger providing detailed information of the City's fixed assets. The City should be responsible for custody of its assets and accurately report them in the financial statements. Further, the City has not been reconciling the annual inventory of fixed assets to ledger balances; however, a comprehensive fiscal inventory of fixed assets was initiated during the fiscal year, and completed shortly thereafter.

Recommendation

I recommend the City maintain a detailed ledger of fixed assets, along with a listing of additions and deletions during the year. This ledger should be reconciled to the annual inventory. The Office of the State Auditor has prepared forms and checklists to assist municipalities in performing this required inventory; they are available for download on the State Auditor's website.

Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Mississippi State Laws and Regulations
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Auditee's Response

Management recognizes the problem with the fixed assets. The City Clerk's office has been and is in the process of resolving the problem.

This report is intended for the information of the City's management and the Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



Gautier, Mississippi
April 30, 2011

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. In my report, our opinion on the financial statements, with the exception of the fixed assets, was unqualified.
2. Two reportable conditions relating to the audit of the financial statements is reported in the Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the City of Gautier, Mississippi are reported in the Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters.
4. No reportable conditions relating to the audit of major federal award programs are reported in the Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control Over Compliance.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for major federal award programs for the City of Gautier, Mississippi expresses an unqualified opinion.
6. There are no audit findings relative to the major federal award programs for the City of Gautier, Mississippi, that are to be reported in Part C of this schedule.
7. There were two major programs tested:
 - Department of Homeland Security - Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters) - CFDA No. 97.036
 - Community Development Block Grants/State's Program - CFDA No. 14.228
8. The dollar threshold for distinguishing Type A and B programs was \$300,000.
9. The City of Gautier, Mississippi did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

Reportable instances of noncompliance and reportable conditions and material weaknesses

2009-B-1

Finding

The City was unable to provide sufficient documentary evidence to support the carrying amounts of fixed assets on its books, and I was unable to satisfy myself as to the existence and valuation of the City's fixed assets, resulting in a qualified opinion on the financial statements. Further, the City has not reconciled the carrying amount of fixed assets on their books to their inventory.

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2009

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT (continued)

This weakness in internal control regarding fixed assets leaves the City susceptible to misappropriation.

Recommendation

I recommend the City implement a fixed assets control system. At the end of the fiscal year, the accounting department should reconcile the general ledger to the inventory control records.

Auditee's Response

Management recognizes the problem with the fixed assets. The City Clerk's office has been and is working to resolve the problem.

2009-B-2

Finding

Because internal control over accounts receivable was not adequate, two water users accounts became past due for over 180 days. Neither of these have been paid, and have resulted in significant a loss of revenues for the City's Water & Sewer System.

Recommendation

An aged accounts receivable be maintained and reviewed each month to insure that this situation does not occur again.

Auditee's Response

The newly appointed City Clerk has initiated and strengthened internal controls in the Utility Department so that this situation will not happen again.

**C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS
AUDIT**

There were no findings related to major federal programs.

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Communication of Internal Control Related Matters

April 30, 2011

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the City Council & City Manager
City of Gautier

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the City of Gautier (City) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2009, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, I considered the organization's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all such deficiencies have been identified. However, as discussed below, I identified certain deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. I consider the following deficiencies in internal control to be material weaknesses.

Fixed Assets

The City was unable to provide sufficient documentary evidence to support the carrying amounts of fixed assets on its books, and I was unable to satisfy myself as to the existence and valuation of the City's fixed assets, resulting in a qualified opinion on the financial statements. Further, the City has not reconciled the carrying amount of fixed assets on their books to their inventory.

Water & Sewer Accounts Receivable

Because internal control over accounts receivable was not adequate, two water users accounts became past due for over 180 days. Neither of these have been paid, and have resulted in significant a loss of revenues for the City's Water & Sewer System.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. I consider the following deficiency in the City's internal control to be a significant deficiency:

Accounts Receivable on Police Fines

The accounts receivable for police fines on the general ledger had not been in adjusted to agree with the balance in the general ledger. However, this was apparently an adjustment oversight and has been corrected.

I wish to thank all employees for their support and assistance during my audit. This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Mayor & City Council, City Manager, and others within the City management, and the Office of The State Auditor. However, this letter is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sheryl M. ...".